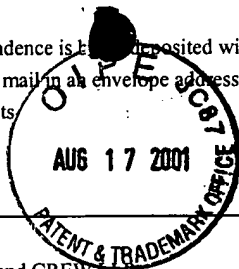


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2001. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before August 13, 2001. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9, 12, 13, 15 and 19 in the following manner:

1 6 (Amended) A DNA construct comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction, a splice acceptor,
2 a sequence encoding an inactive subunit or fragment of an enzyme and, an IRES wherein said